

Bird monitoring in the Rainy Lake Visitor Center area has occurred long the two-mile entrance road, a portion of the Tilson Bay Connector Ski Trail, Oberholtzer Trail, around the visitor center grounds, at the marina, and at the picnic area along the shoreline.

Northern spruce, fir, hardwood, shrub, herb rock barren, and boreal hardwood forest communities dominate the area. A few jack, red, and white pine areas are found as well.

Black-backed woodpeckers are seen in the jack pine stands around the picnic area. The emphatic “What three beers” song of the olive-sided flycatcher is heard from a wet meadow and beaver pond area along the Tilson Trail. Scarlet tanager, least, and great-crested flycatchers are associated with mature and open hardwood stands.



Bald eagles, osprey, and turkey vultures often soar, hover, and perch nearby. The “gunk-a-gunk, gunk-a-gunk” call of the bittern may lead to a view of the male standing in the midst of marsh cattails and grass near its nest along the Oberholtzer Trail.

Warbler species seen around the visitor center are American redstart, Blackburnian, black and white, black-throated green, chestnut sided, Canada, common yellowthroat, magnolia, morning, Nashville, northern parula, ovenbird, pine, Tennessee, yellow, and yellow-rumped warblers.

Bird rank indicates their abundance during all years of monitoring on this scale:

- A = abundant to most abundant
- C = common
- U = uncommon
- R = rare to least abundant

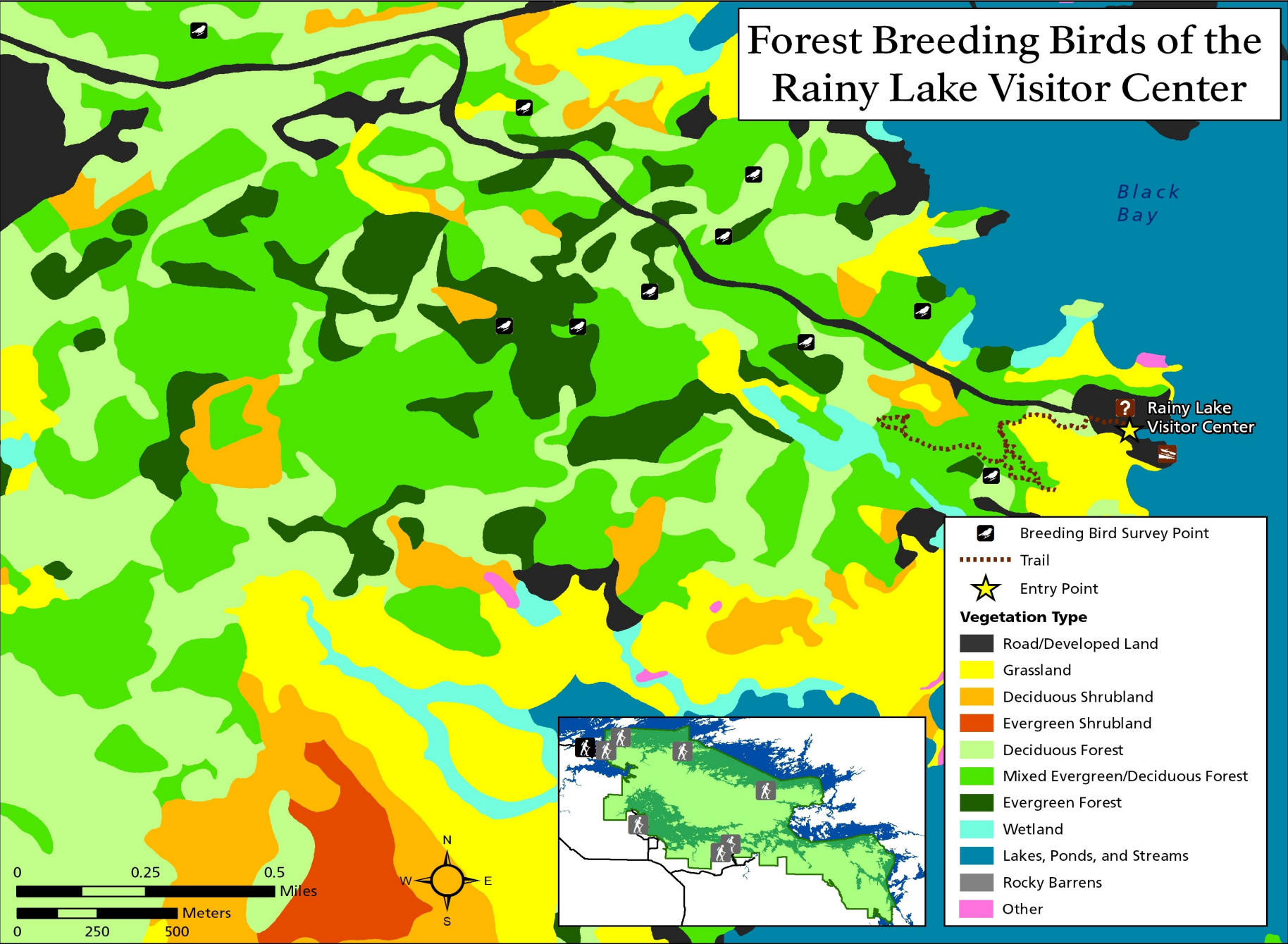
Rainy Lake Visitor Center Area Checklist

| <u>GROUP</u> | <u>SPECIES NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Loons | | |
| ○ | Common Loon | U |
| Grebes | | |
| ○ | Pied-billed Grebe | R |
| Herons, Bitterns, & Allies | | |
| ○ | American Bittern | R |
| ○ | Great Blue Heron | R |
| Ducks, Geese, and Swans | | |
| ○ | Canada Goose | C |
| ○ | Mallard | U |
| ○ | Wood Duck | R |
| Hawks & Eagles | | |
| ○ | Broad-winged Hawk | U |
| Partridge, Grouse, and Turkey | | |
| ○ | Ruffed Grouse | U |
| Rails & Coots | | |
| ○ | Sora | R |
| Plovers | | |
| ○ | Killdeer | R |
| Gulls & Terns | | |
| ○ | Herring Gull | R |
| Hummingbirds | | |
| ○ | Ruby-throated Hummingbird | U |
| Woodpeckers | | |
| ○ | Downy Woodpecker | U |
| ○ | Hairy Woodpecker | U |
| ○ | Northern Flicker | U |
| ○ | Pileated Woodpecker | U |
| ○ | Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | C |

| <u>GROUP</u> | <u>SPECIES NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Tyrant Flycatcher | | |
| ○ | Alder Flycatcher | R |
| ○ | Eastern Wood Pewee | U |
| ○ | Great-crested Flycatcher | U |
| ○ | Least Flycatcher | U |
| ○ | Olive-sided Flycatcher | R |
| Vireos | | |
| ○ | Red-eyed Vireo | A |
| Jays & Crows | | |
| ○ | American Crow | U |
| ○ | Blue Jay | U |
| ○ | Common Raven | R |
| Chickadees | | |
| ○ | Black-capped Chickadee | C |
| Nuthatches | | |
| ○ | Red-breasted Nuthatch | U |
| ○ | White-breasted Nuthatch | R |
| Creepers | | |
| ○ | Brown Creeper | U |
| Wrens | | |
| ○ | Winter Wren | U |
| Kinglets | | |
| ○ | Golden-crowned Kinglet | U |
| ○ | Ruby-crowned Kinglet | U |
| Thrushes | | |
| ○ | American Robin | U |
| ○ | Hermit Thrush | U |
| ○ | Veery | C |
| Waxwings | | |
| ○ | Cedar Waxwing | U |
| Tanagers | | |
| ○ | Scarlet Tanager | R |
| Sparrows & Allies | | |
| ○ | Chipping Sparrow | C |
| ○ | Song Sparrow | U |
| ○ | Swamp Sparrow | U |
| ○ | White-throated Sparrow | A |
| Cardinals & Allies | | |
| ○ | Rose-breasted Grosbeak | U |

| <u>GROUP</u> | <u>SPECIES NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Blackbirds | | |
| ○ | Brown- headed Cowbird | U |
| ○ | Common Grackle | U |
| ○ | Red-winged Blackbird | U |
| Wood-Warblers | | |
| ○ | American Redstart | U |
| ○ | Blackburnian Warbler | C |
| ○ | Black-throated Green Warbler | U |
| ○ | Black and White Warbler | C |
| ○ | Canada Warbler | U |
| ○ | Cape May Warbler | U |
| ○ | Common Yellowthroat | U |
| ○ | Chestnut-sided Warbler | U |
| ○ | Magnolia Warbler | C |
| ○ | Morning Warbler | C |
| ○ | Nashville Warbler | A |
| ○ | Northern Parula | C |
| ○ | Ovenbird | A |
| ○ | Palm Warbler (Western) | R |
| ○ | Pine Warbler | U |
| ○ | Tennessee Warbler | U |
| ○ | Yellow-rumped Warbler | U |
| Finches | | |
| ○ | American Goldfinch | U |
| ○ | Evening Grosbeak | U |
| ○ | Pine Siskin | R |
| ○ | Purple Finch | U |





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Oberholtzer Trail

The Rainy Lake Visitor Center area has many birds for viewing – usually in June. The species listed in this brochure have been heard or spotted since 1997.

When hiking this trail visitors should remember that it is heavily covered in vegetation and be prepared for ticks, mosquitoes, and wet areas.

To get to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center area take Highway 11 East 10 miles to the entrance road. Turn right and travel two miles to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

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